

CLAIM AMENDMENT

1. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling a plurality of parental control subsystems in an audio/visual system, said system configurable by a graphical user interface (GUI), comprising:

a computer having a memory and a display exhibiting a GUI;

one or more audio and/or audiovisual devices interfaced to said computer, wherein at least one of said audio and/or audiovisual devices comprises a native parental control subsystem having adjustable parameters;

control programming which operates the computer to receive user input, said user input allowing a user to choose one or more general parental control parameters; and

control programming which operates the computer to set the adjustable parameters of each native parental control subsystem within said system;

wherein the adjustable control parameters of the native parental control system include a first parental control scheme and a second parental control scheme, the first parental control scheme being incompatible with the second parental control scheme; and

wherein the control programming allows a user to choose general control parameters of the first parental control scheme and the second parental control scheme;

wherein said user input comprises user selection of on-screen items displayed via said graphical user interface;

wherein said graphical user interface comprises:

a first on-screen overlay including a plurality of first user-selectable items, each of the first user-selectable items comprising a representation for an audiovisual content rating and including the content ratings of the first parental control scheme and the second parental control scheme, each audiovisual content rating representation including an indication that the audiovisual content rating is locked or unlocked; and

a second on-screen overlay including a plurality of second user-selectable items, each of the second user-selectable items comprising a representation for a television channel, each television channel representation including an indication that the television channel is locked or unlocked;

wherein control programming operates the computer to display a context information box over a portion of the on-screen overlay when a user causes a pointer to hover over one representation of the first user-selectable items or the second user-selectable items of the respective on-screen overlay;

wherein control programming operates the computer to generate and display a wizard-type interface in an interactive format, in which a human oriented set of questions in general terms are displayed, said user input responsive to answered ones of the questions dictates subsequent ones of the questions, and a level of locking is recommended accordingly.

2. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said one or more audio and/or audiovisual devices comprises a plurality of audio and/or audiovisual devices interfaced to said computer, and wherein at least two of said audio and/or audiovisual devices comprise a native parental control subsystem having adjustable parameters.

3. (Original) A system according to claim 2, wherein said at least two audiovisual devices are multimedia devices.

4. (Original) A system according to claim 3, wherein said multimedia devices are one or more DVD devices, video tape devices, television devices, or any combination thereof.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 4, wherein said television devices are selected from the group consisting of televisions, cable television set top boxes, digital satellite service set top converters, television tuner cards, and any combination thereof.

6. to 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising control programming which operates the computer to provide on-screen visual indicia of user input.

11. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein at least two audio and/or audiovisual devices are interfaced to said computer, the at least two audio and/or audiovisual devices including native parental control subsystems.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein control programming which operates the computer to set the adjustable parameters of each native parental control subsystems is based on the received user input choosing the one or more general parental parameters.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the context information box includes additional context information relating to the representation of the user-selectable item over which the pointer is caused to hover.

16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the context information box is displayed for a predetermined period of time when the pointer is caused to hover over a representation.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the context information box is displayed in a pop-up text box in an overlying relationship with the on-screen overlay.

18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said at least two audiovisual devices are multimedia devices;

wherein said input comprises user responses to a series of on-screen questions; further comprising control programming which operates the computer to provide on-screen visual indicia of user input;

wherein at least two audio and/or audiovisual devices are interfaced to said computer, the at least two audio and/or audiovisual devices including native parental control subsystems;

further comprising control programming which operates the computer to set the adjustable parameters of each native parental control subsystems is based on the received user input choosing the one or more general parental parameters;

wherein the context information box includes additional context information relating to the representation of the user-selectable item over which the pointer is caused to hover;

wherein the context information box is displayed for a predetermined period of time when the pointer is caused to hover over a representation; and

wherein the context information box is displayed in a pop-up text box in an overlying relationship with the on-screen overlay.